

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF....

Gene Nygaard, 92, West Fargo, ND died on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at Bethany on 42nd, Fargo, ND.

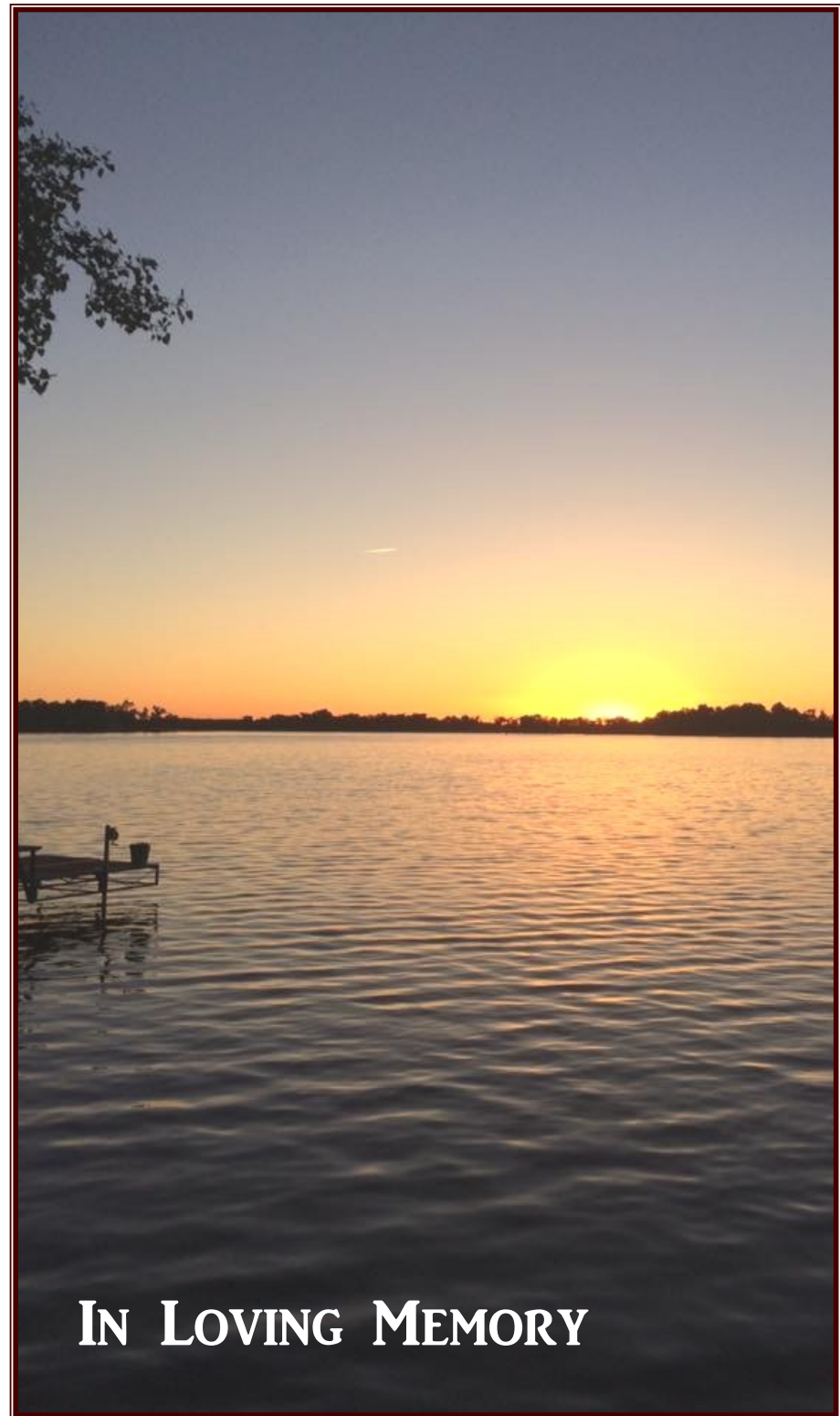
Roland Eugene Nygaard was born April 11, 1925 in Woodworth, ND to George W. and Rose (Dotson) Nygaard. Gene was one of 11 children. He graduated from Oakes (ND) High School and business college in Fargo. He proudly served our Country in WWII aboard the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid in the Pacific Theater, receiving the Purple Heart along with other medals of honor. Gene married Agnes Stangler on September 22, 1952 at St. Henry's Catholic Church in Alice, ND. They lived in Enderlin for two years before moving to Fargo and then West Fargo. Gene worked his entire career for Nodak Mutual Insurance Company, a Company his Father helped establish. Gene held several positions with Nodak Mutual including Executive Vice President and CEO. Gene retired in 1991.

In his years retirement years, Gene and Aggie loved time with family and summers at their lake home on McDonald Lake near Dent, MN. They also enjoyed anything sports related especially golf, along with playing cards, dancing, watching sports on TV, West Fargo Packers and NDSU football.

Gene was a member of Blessed Sacrament Church in West Fargo serving on its council a number of years. He was also active in the Knights of Columbus, West Fargo Lions Club and West Fargo VFW. He was very active in establishing Babe Ruth Baseball in West Fargo and the Golf for Guardianship Program.

He is survived by four children, Jan (John) Arens of Fargo, Karen Paxton of West Fargo, Barb (Bob) Rice of West Fargo and Mark (Lisa) Nygaard of Fargo; eight grandchildren, Ben Arens, Kathryn (Jeremy) Bendewald, Lyn & Quincy Michael, Landon Rice, Derek (Kayla) Rice, Spencer and Matthew Nygaard; three great grandchildren; Adam & Liv Bendewald and Jordan Michael; sister, Hazel Campbell; sisters-in-law, Sue Nygaard and Lucille Elrite; brothers-in-law, Larry Lovelace and Jack Johnson; along with many nieces and nephews.

Gene was preceded in death by his wife, Aggie; son-in-law, Duke Paxton; sisters, Gladys Finch, Florence Wieber, Ruth Summers and Geraldine Lovelace; brothers, George, Gordon, John, Charles and William; brothers-in-law, Melvin Stangler and Bernard Stangler; and sisters-in-law, Viola Johnson and Marilyn Stangler.



IN LOVING MEMORY

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
R.E. GENE NYGAARD



FUNERAL MASS

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
West Fargo, North Dakota
Friday, April 13, 2018 - 11 a.m.

PRESIDER

Fr. Gary Luiten

MUSIC

, cantor
, pianist

PALLBEARERS

All of Gene's Grandchildren

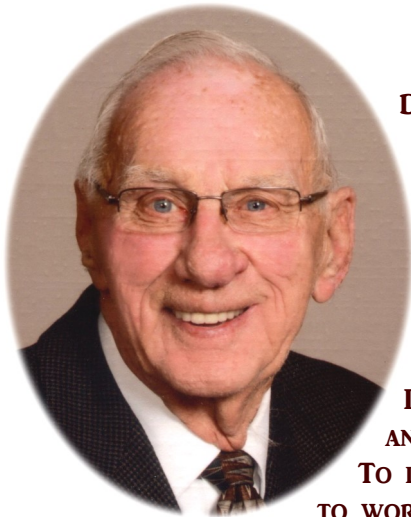
MILITARY RITES

West Fargo VFW Post No. 7564
ND Military Funeral Honors Team

INTERMENT

Alice Community Cemetery Alice, ND

*The family wishes to thank you for your
thoughts and prayers. Please join them for
fellowship immediately following Mass.*



I'M FREE

DON'T GRIEVE FOR ME,
FOR NOW I'M FREE!
I'M FOLLOWING THE PATH
GOD LAID FOR ME.
I TOOK HIS HAND WHEN
I HEARD HIM CALL.
I TURNED MY BACK
AND LEFT IT ALL.
I COULD NOT STAY
ANOTHER DAY

TO LAUGH, TO LOVE,
TO WORK OR PLAY.

TASKS LEFT UNDONE MUST STAY THAT WAY,
I FOUND MY PEACE AT THE END OF DAY.

IF MY PARTING HAS LEFT A VOID,
THEN FILL IT WITH REMEMBERED JOY-
A FRIENDSHIP SHARED, A LAUGH, A KISS,
OH YES, THESE THINGS I TOO WILL MISS.

BUT BE NOT BURDENED WITH TIMES OF SORROW.

I WISH FOR YOU THE SUNSHINE OF TOMORROW!

MY LIFE'S BEEN FULL, I'VE SAVORED MUCH-
GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD TIMES, A LOVED ONE'S TOUCH.

PERHAPS MY TIME SEEMED ALL TOO BRIEF
DON'T TRY TO LENGTHEN IT WITH UNDUE GRIEF.

LIFT UP YOUR HEART AND SHARE WITH ME.

GOD WANTED ME. HE SET ME FREE!

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